

LaRC SAFETY HIGHLIGHTS

May 1, 2000

- The Center experienced a fatality on April 5, 2000, when an employee of the Systems Engineering Competency (SEC) was killed in a traffic accident while on his way to a government-sponsored training course.
- The Center experienced a lost time accident on April 4, 2000, when an employee assigned to the Office of the Chief Information Officer was bitten by a spider on March 29, 2000, while on travel, resulting in 4 lost work days. The bite area became inflamed and the employee sought treatment from her personal physician on April 3, 2000. The physician instructed the employee to remain out of work until the inflammation decreased. This accident was reported to the Clinic on April 19, 2000, who then notified the Office of Safety and Facility Assurance (OSFA).
- One OSHA Recordable Incident occurred this week. An employee of the Aerodynamics, Aerothermodynamics & Acoustics Competency (AAAC) was installing a filter in an air exhaust duct located in the Mach 4 Tunnel (B-1221B) when a piece of debris blew into his eye. The Clinic was unable to remove the debris, which had become lodged in the employee's cornea. The employee was sent to an off-site ophthalmologist for treatment.
- Eight first aid cases involving civil servants were reported as follows:
 - A SEC employee sustained a back strain while lifting a box.
 - An Airborne Systems Competency employee cut his finger on a filing cabinet drawer.
 - A Structures and Materials Competency (SMC) employee pinched his finger between two pieces of metal causing a laceration.
 - A SMC employee sustained a scrape on his left hand from metal burr on a stainless steel pipe.
 - A SMC employee scraped his right wrist while stepping down from the top surface of the Cryo Pressure Box sustaining an abrasion.
 - A SMC employee sustained a thumb laceration from a sharp edge on a test stand controller mounting.
 - An AAAC employee received a splinter in a finger after brushing hand against a wooden box.
- LaRC Safety Policy – Supervisors shall notify the OSFA of occupational injuries and illnesses, close calls, fires, explosions, facility, or property damage. Such notification shall be made immediately after any emergency condition ends by calling 864-7233. In addition, supervisors shall report incidents as prescribed in LAPD 1700.4, "Accident Reporting."
- A Safety Alert concerning Safety Meetings was issued on April 11, 2000.
- An article concerning the NASA Safety Reporting System appeared in the April 21, 2000, issue of the Langley Researcher.
- A Risk Management Tools Briefing is to be presented by Dr. Michael Greenfield of NASA Headquarters, Code Q, in the Pearl Young Theater (PYT) on Tuesday, May 2, 2000, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.
- A make-up session for the Mandatory Facility Coordinator (FC)/Facility Safety Head (FSH) Training is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, 2000, in the PYT, 9:00-11:00 a.m. There are 95 FC and FSH's that have not attended the first two sessions.
- Fall Protection Training is scheduled for May 10-11, 2000. (Contact - Grant Watson, 43069)
- System Safety and Risk Analysis Training is scheduled for May 22-26, 2000 and July 17-21, 2000. (Contact - Grant Watson, 43069)
- Situational Awareness Training (Hazardous Procedure Analysis) is scheduled for May 30-31, 2000. (Contact - Grant Watson, 43069)
- Hydrogen Safety Training is scheduled for August 1-2, 2000 and August 3-4, 2000. (Contact - Grant Watson, 43069)